

CHILD MAKES PLEA FOR LIFE OF FATHER

Emotional Crowd Fills Theater to Ask Pardon.

BILLIK TO BE HANGED TO-DAY

Neurotic, Guilty of Poisoning Woman and Her Children for Their Insurance, Denied Reprieve. Committee Will Make Appeal to Governor to Spare Life of Prisoner.

Chicago, June 11.—Scenes and incidents of emotional intensity this afternoon marked a crowded meeting held at the Great Northern Theater to plead for the life of Herman Billik, condemned to hang to-morrow for the murder of Mary Vrzal, after the Supreme Court at Springfield had refused to consider his case. The meeting was one of the most remarkable that has ever been held in the city of Chicago. The theater was jammed to the doors by a crowd composed largely of women, who alternately wept and cheered as they were aroused first to enthusiasm for the cause of Billik by Father P. J. O'Callaghan and to pity for his fate by little Edna Billik and Jerry Vrzal.

The meeting was presided over by former Mayor Dunne, who made an eloquent plea for Billik. An emotional climax was reached when Father O'Callaghan, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, broke down as he was appealing for action which would lead to interference for Billik by Gov. Deneen, and wept like a child he talked.

Believes Billik Innocent.

In a dramatic manner, Father O'Callaghan led up to his climax. He asserted his belief in Billik's innocence and reviewed his case.

"I not only think this man is innocent; I know it," he said. "If he dies to-morrow he will be nothing but legal murder."

There was a roar of applause and the priest continued: "If Billik goes to the gallows to-morrow his last words will be those of an oath which he has promised to take. He will swear that he never committed murder. He would only ruin his chances to meet his Creator, if he were untrue. It is only because he is innocent that he would take it."

At this point Father O'Callaghan broke down. Tears trickled down his cheeks and he was obliged to take his seat. His wife was escorted by those of both men and women in the audience. Again the tears were called forth when little Edna Billik, a pathetic figure, stepped to the front of the stage and holding the hand of Father O'Callaghan, begged her tiny voice in a plea for her father.

Child Makes Appeal.

"Please help me save my father. Talk to the governor," were the simple words which completed her speech and added to the dramatic force of the appeal of the priest.

Then came Jerry Vrzal, son of the woman who is alleged to have been one of Billik's victims, and brother of the children whom the neurotic is said to have slain. He told his story, admitting perjury at the first trial, and declaring that he had been forced to give false testimony by the police and the State's attorney's office. Volunteers were called for to form a committee which left for Springfield to-night to urge the governor to prevent the execution of Billik to-morrow.

FORGER AT AGE OF 84.

Charles Bartlett Pleads Guilty, and Expects to Die in Prison.

New York, June 11.—When Charles Bartlett, alias Paul Brigham, eighty-four years of age, pleaded guilty to forgery in the second degree in the General Sessions to-day, he said that he expected to die in prison, and preferred to do so.

He asked that the sentence be postponed until Monday, so that he could settle up his affairs. He was convicted of cashing a forged check for \$125. He is an old-time crook, and has served jail terms aggregating twenty-seven years.

RAYMOND HITCHCOCK FREE.

Actor Released Under Bond After Acquittal on One Charge.

New York, June 11.—Raymond Hitchcock, the actor, who was acquitted at 3 o'clock this morning of the charge that he attempted to assault Helen von Hagen, fifteen years of age, was released from the Tombs about noon. Justice Goff fixed bail at \$750 on the other four indictments against him, and the bail was put up by Martin Engel. Hitchcock's wife was at the Criminal Courts this morning early, and she went away with him to her home, at Great Neck.

It was announced that he had left Henry W. Savage, and would appear hereafter under the management of Felix Jemany. His first appearance will probably be at the Circle Theater in the "Merry Go Round" in a week or so. Then he will play at one of the beach theaters.

NEW PEST IN GRAPE BELT.

Insect Deposits Eggs in Bud and Crop Is Nearly Ruined.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 11.—The great Brocton grape belt is up against a new pest that is puzzling the experts at Cornell and Geneva. The insect deposits eggs in the bud where grubs develop and eat out the hearts. The infected bud turns red, and it is said that 50 per cent of the buds of each cluster in the Fredonia crop are ruined.

Growers say it is not the grape berry moth, an old enemy, but a brand-new pest.

HISTORICAL WRITER DEAD.

Col. William Leete Stone Wrote of Revolutionary Affairs.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., June 11.—Col. William Leete Stone, a commissioner of the Hudson Fulton memorial celebration, and a well-known author of historical works, died to-day after a three-week illness.

Col. Stone, who was seventy-three years of age, was a member of numerous historical societies throughout the country. Most of his historical works dealt with revolutionary affairs, particularly Gen. Burgoyne's campaigns in and around Saratoga. He also wrote a history of New York City.

Col. Stone was a member of the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876.

While you think of it, telephone your Want Ad. to The Washington Herald, and it will be sent you at 1 cent a word.

MRS. GOULD SEEKS REST.

Goes to Quiet Place to Escape Notoriety from Her Suit.

Philadelphia, June 11.—"I am so tired of the notoriety and trouble incident to my suit for separation from Mr. Gould, I have come over here to be quiet, but you won't let me," said Mrs. Frank Gould, who is staying at the country place of Mr. and Mrs. George Huhn, at Elk Park, to-day. Mrs. Gould's children are with their grandmother, in New York.

"I have brought action for separation," Mrs. Gould said, "but beyond that I have nothing to say. I believe that when a man and his wife cannot live together in harmony, it is better to separate. I am horribly tired and unstrung about it all, however, and I hope to rest quietly a little while here at Elk Park."

Mr. and Mrs. Huhn are going abroad soon, and Mrs. Gould said to-day that it was possible that she might accompany them.

LIBERIA WANTS MORE CAPITAL.

Negro Republic's Leader Tells About Country's Resources.

Booker T. Washington Attends Meeting and Praises African Nation.

A strong plea for a closer bond of union between the citizens of Liberia and the negroes of America was made by the Liberian delegates to this country before the Negro Business League of this city at the Lincoln Temple Memorial Congregational Church (colored), Eleventh and R streets northwest, last night.

Booker T. Washington, who is very much interested in the mission, was present, and on special invitation of the league presided over the meeting. He said he was glad to be present to greet the envoys from Liberia. He urged the negroes to take deep interest in Liberia, he said, as that republic succeeds or fails, so the entire race will succeed or fail. Their reception by the officials of the United States should be a source of pride to the race.

Hon. J. J. Dawson, Vice President of the Republic of Liberia, was introduced as the first speaker. He began by saying that he was evidently expected to speak of the progress of his country, and would do so, but from the standpoint of a Liberian. He continued:

"Liberia was an attempt of negroes from the United States to erect in the fatherland an independent state of negroes. It was a movement under the direction of the American Colonization Society, to, in a sense, atone for the slavery of the race in this country."

"Our country is about the size of the State of New York, with a population of 250,000, of which only some 40,000 are of the really civilized, Christian class. Our main efforts are toward education. We have many schools, and several seminaries and colleges. One-fourth of our national revenue each year goes to these ends."

"Liberia is material for a strong nation. It needs your aid and interest. It is rich in its products, and only lacks money to work them."

Hon. G. W. Gibson, an ex-president of the republic, and Charles B. Dunbar, its attorney, also addressed the meeting. Musical numbers were interspersed in the programme.

TO HONOR FAMOUS AUTHOR.

Francis Scott Key Will Be Eulogized by Prominent Men To-morrow.

Commissioner Macfarland, Justice Thomas H. Anderson, A. S. Goldsborough, of Baltimore, and F. S. Key Smith will make addresses at the ceremonies attending the flag-raising at the old Francis Scott Key Home, in Georgetown, to-morrow afternoon.

Elaborate plans have been completed to make the occasion auspicious, and it is expected the various patriotic organizations of the District will participate.

As Miss Mabel Key, a great-granddaughter of the famous author, raises a duplicate flag, the one that inspired "The Star Spangled Banner," a salute will be fired by the U. S. S. Dolphin.

Admiral Dewey and the Cabinet officers will attend.

PLAN HOUR OF FIREWORKS.

Avenue to Be Illuminated When Municipal Building Opens.

Spattering red and green lights will illuminate Pennsylvania avenue for a solid hour on Fourth of July night, at the opening of the new Municipal Building, according to the latest plans of the committee on illumination of the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade. The contract for fireworks has been placed, and at least \$2,000 worth is being placed, and the subscriptions to the fund are coming in steadily. Yet more money is needed to carry out all the plans as they should be. To that end John Joy Edson has issued a new appeal for funds.

The subscriptions on street decorations, consisting of E. C. Graham, T. P. O'Ryan, and S. W. Curdren, met yesterday afternoon to arrange details of decoration for the day.

The night of July 1 the illumination committee will conduct a test at the new building to determine the effects of certain kinds of electric lights, in order to get the most brilliant results possible on the Fourth.

BUSINESS HIGH ON RIVER.

Students Celebrate Close of School with Excursion.

Nearly 1,500 Business High School students celebrated the close of school with an excursion to Marshall Hall yesterday. Although the school term closes formally to-day, real work ended yesterday.

Due to threatening weather, only a few hundred persons went to the resort on the 23rd of October, but when the Charles Macalester left her dock at 6:30 o'clock last night her decks were covered with girls and boys.

Dancing proved the chief attraction at the hall, with the baseball game between the students and the alumni in second place for popularity. The game was won by the students by a score variously estimated from 15 to 2 to 7 to 3. No official score card was kept.

On the return trip the brilliant moon that lighted the heavens persuaded the students to sing, and melodies filled the night air all the way up the river.

BOYS COLLIDE; ONE HURT.

Fracture of Skull Follows Ball Game in White Lot.

James Loffler, fourteen years old, of 1812 Twelfth street northwest, was taken to the Emergency Hospital last evening suffering from a concussion of the brain, received in a baseball game on the White Lot. The boy received treatment, and was later taken home by his father.

Young Loffler was running to get under a fly ball and collided with a fellow-player of about the same age. Both boys fell to the ground, Loffler unconscious. Alarmed, his teammates placed the boy in a taxicab and rushed him to the hospital.

THIRTY RECEIVE DEGREES.

Georgetown University Graduates Medicine and Dentistry Students.

Graduating exercises of the Georgetown University school of medicine and dentistry were held in Gaston Hall last night at 8 o'clock, before a large assemblage of friends and relatives of the men about to enter upon their chosen professions.

Following an overture by the orchestra, the degrees were conferred by Rev. David Hillhouse Buel, president of the University. Peter Paul Maycock was the valedictorian of the class.

Dr. William A. White delivered the address to the graduates. Those receiving the degree of M. D. were:

George W. Alexander, Canada; John Allen, District of Columbia; George T. Barrett, Pennsylvania; Francis J. Butler, Massachusetts; Franklin J. Cammer, Maryland; Louis T. Casper, Connecticut; Harry B. Chapin, Rhode Island; Thomas J. Cleary, New York; William P. Connor, Ohio; Thomas K. Conrad, Virginia; William E. Cyle, Connecticut; Francis E. Croghan, Rhode Island; John E. Flaherty, Connecticut; Joseph F. Guttman, New York; Charles E. Healy, Massachusetts; P. Edgar Hunt, New York; Joseph P. Mackay, Pennsylvania; Alfred L. Malabar, New York; Peter P. Maycock, Pennsylvania; Leonard A. Martell, Massachusetts; John J. Moran, New York; Claude E. McMichael, New York; J. W. G. McLaughlin, Pennsylvania; Thomas E. Neill, New York; Robert A. Rouse, Virginia; D. D. V. Stuart, Virginia; and William E. Turtin, District of Columbia.

The degree of D. S. was conferred on Frank A. Casteel, District of Columbia; Dennis J. Coyle, Pennsylvania; and Michael J. O'Brien, Rhode Island.

Ocean Arrivals.

New York, June 11.—Arrived: Adriatic, from Southampton; Bremen, from Bremen; May, from New York; Grand Walden, from Hamburg.

Sailed from foreign ports: Majestic, from Queens town; Anable, from Liverpool.

BECKHAM ACCEPTS THE OLIVE BRANCH

Harmony Prevails Among Kentucky Democrats.

BOTH FACTIONS RECOGNIZED

Former Governor and Candidate for the Senatorship Shake Hands with His Enemies—Watterson at Lincoln, Nehr, While the State Convention Is Being Held.

Lexington, Ky., June 11.—Harmony prevailed at the State Democratic convention to-day with Congressman Stanley as temporary chairman and an agreement that Gov. Beckham, Senator McCreary, Senator Pender, Senator C. C. Mayo, and W. B. Haldeman are to be the big six for the Denver convention.

The chairman of the State central and executive committees will be elected late to-night or early to-morrow morning. The factions seem to have reached an agreement that Henry R. Prewitt, former insurance commissioner, shall be chosen to that place, but the friends of Rufus Van Sant say that he can win if he wants the place.

It was a disagreeable situation which had to be faced by ex-Gov. Beckham, but he hit his lips and shook hands with his political enemies and outwardly to-night the Democrats have harmonized.

The dash of Henry Watterson to Lincoln, Nehr, for a conference with Bryan, the demand made by Col. W. B. Haldeman that his candidate get the temporary chairmanship of the convention, and the threats that unless he forgave and forgot the party might be torn asunder were all galling to former Gov. Beckham, whose defeat for United States Senator had just been accomplished, but he gave his enemies what they asked for and shook hands with Representative Stanley, to whom he had not spoken for many months, and called him a good Democrat in his address.

However, he did not neglect to score Mr. Watterson and Col. Haldeman and the others who he believed caused his defeat for Senator, declaring that no matter what the State to determine who they are. More than this, every fraudulent election endangers the peace of the State and is exceedingly likely to result in the party defeated by fraud and violence a disposition to resist the fraudulently elected officials and to institute a rebellion.

Since my coming to the jail, I have received petitions from a committee representing the Liberal party and a committee representing the Conservative party, advising me that at the present state of affairs there is an intention on the part of the officials who are in the government, to deprive the lawful voters of the opportunity to elect their own candidate for the presidency, and by fraud and violence to return as the successful candidate at the election, Senator Arias, the present secretary of state.

Police Use Fraudulent Methods.

It is asserted that the same police officers who were guilty of fraud and violence at the last congressional elections have been put in control of the elections at this time.

I ought to add to the evidence from the American police force and other sources tends to corroborate the statements of these petitions.

I want to add to the evidence from the United States will be most reluctant to intervene in the internal affairs of the republic of Panama, but for the reason I have stated, about the occasion arise, I do not see how it can be avoided.

In order that you may understand the views of President Roosevelt, I ought to say that I have transmitted to him in substance the petitions which have been filed with me, and the other evidence in respect to the coming election, and in response to his dispatch I received yesterday afternoon the following:

"You are authorized to say to President Roosevelt that the government of the United States will consider any attempt at the election of a successor by fraudulent methods constitutes a disturbance of public order which under Panamanian constitution requires intervention and this government will not permit Panama to pass into the hands of any one so elected."

"The failure which you describe to comply with the laws assuring the people of Panama the opportunity to have their names entered in the registry of voters appears in advance to be sufficient to invalidate the election, and if the facts are as they have been represented to me, I would advise you to be redressed and fair registry lists made up."

"In case we find occasion for intervention, it will be necessary for the government to cancel what steps it may take for redress of the wrong done, and to prevent repetition in future."

I have awaited the bringing of this matter to your excellency's attention until I should hear from the President. I assume that your excellency would desire to have a conference of the Cabinet in respect to the matter, and I beg that I may hear from you at the earliest opportunity.

I submit this memorandum to your excellency in the presence of the American Minister, Mr. Spence, and Commissioner Blackburn, the one representing the State Department and the other the commission.

In a statement accompanying the letter which was given out at the White House yesterday, these observations are made:

"The first answer to this communication was denial of any fraud in the elections of Panama. The opportunity of steps suggested. Subsequently, an agreement was reached between the Panamanian authorities and the American Minister and Commissioners Goethals and Blackburn, together with general counsel of the commission, Mr. Rogers, by which Panama agreed to create a commission of electoral inquiry to investigate the complaints of all parties, and under the United States, was to join in the inquiry through the American Minister."

Provision was that if the United States came to the conclusion that, because of material errors or defects in the electoral proceedings, suffrage had been lost to citizens, then Panama would cause the same to be remedied.

Registration Promised.

"On May 15 the commissioners were appointed and went to the various places of registration in the districts. The Panamanian authorities consented that registration should proceed for ten days from May 15 to 25, and this was telegraphed officially all over the country. Subsequently, three governors known to be in favor of Obaldia, the opponent of Secretary Arias, were removed from office by the President because, as he informed Gov. Blackburn, he did not propose to have anybody in office opposed to the government. The other four governors are Arias men."

"At the same time, the government has decreed the electoral votes which, under the law, may be cast for Obaldia for the President, by eleven, Colon being understood to be an Obaldia district, and has increased by five the electoral representation from the province of Los Santos, understood to be a province likely to vote in favor of Arias."

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New Drug, Poslam, Now Obtainable in Small Quantities.

Since its discovery one year ago, the new drug, poslam, has successfully cured thousands of chronic cases of eczema and other distressing skin afflictions. Heretofore poslam has been dispensed solely for the benefit of eczema patients in large jars sufficient for a month's treatment. This was found to be an inconvenience to many thousands who use it for minor skin troubles, such as pimples, blackheads, herpes, acne, scaly scalp, complexion blemishes, itching, etc., which require but a small quantity to cure. To overcome this, and in response to urgent appeals, the dispensers of poslam have been obliged to adopt, in addition to the regular two-dollar package, a special fifty-cent size, which in future may be found on sale at Ogram's and O'Donnell's and other leading drug stores in Washington, or may be ordered direct from the Emergency Laboratories, No. 102 West 51st Street, New York City. In all eczema cases poslam stops itching with first application, and proceeds to heal immediately; chronic cases being cured in two weeks. In less serious skin troubles, results are seen after an overnight application.

Samples for experimental purposes may still be had, free of charge, by writing to the laboratories for them.

UNITED STATES MAY RULE IN PANAMA

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Amador is where he says that the United States could not recognize in Panama a government established by force and violence, and being at a loss to understand the will of the people, would have to intervene. Having gone that far, the prognosticators see nothing else that could be done but the establishment of a United States provisional government at once.

Roosevelt Far-sighted.

Mr. Roosevelt is given credit for far sight in seeing what was next to be expected and which is to follow when the United States assumes government control of the isthmus of Panama.

The letter of the War Secretary is dated at Culebra, Canal Zone, May 12. Parts of it are as follows:

Weighty evidence was adduced to show that there were many who had been deprived of their constitutional right to vote, and there was much evidence of violence and of repeating by the police in the cities of Panama, Colon, and elsewhere.

The United States guarantees the integrity of the republic, and this involves a recognition by it of the lawful government. If fraud is to intervene in the election, so that a dispute arises as to who are the lawful elected authorities, it becomes necessary for the United States to determine who they are. More than this, every fraudulent election endangers the peace of the Canal Zone and is exceedingly likely to result in the party defeated by fraud and violence a disposition to resist the fraudulently elected officials and to institute a rebellion.

Since my coming to the isthmus, I have received petitions from a committee representing the Liberal party and a committee representing the Conservative party, advising me that at the present state of affairs there is an intention on the part of the officials who are in the government, to deprive the lawful voters of the opportunity to elect their own candidate for the presidency, and by fraud and violence to return as the successful candidate at the election, Senator Arias, the present secretary of state.

Police Use Fraudulent Methods.

It is asserted that the same police officers who were guilty of fraud and violence at the last congressional elections have been put in control of the elections at this time.

I ought to add to the evidence from the American police force and other sources tends to corroborate the statements of these petitions.

I want to add to the evidence from the United States will be most reluctant to intervene in the internal affairs of the republic of Panama, but for the reason I have stated, about the occasion arise, I do not see how it can be avoided.

In order that you may understand the views of President Roosevelt, I ought to say that I have transmitted to him in substance the petitions which have been filed with me, and the other evidence in respect to the coming election, and in response to his dispatch I received yesterday afternoon the following: